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## Did CIA contact Oswald in 1962?

NEW YORK (UPI) — CBS broadcast last night an interview with a man it described as a former CIA employee who said that he once saw a CIA report on an interview with a man with a background very similar to that of Lee Harvey Oswald, the reputed assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

DANIEL SCHORR, narrating the interview, noted that former CIA director John McCone testified before the Warren Commission that the CIA never had any personal contact with Oswald.

The former CIA employee, who was not identified at his own request, said that he saw a memorandum "from the contacts division" in 1962, the year that Oswald defected from the Soviet Union.

"It was a report — interview report — from a redefector from the Soviet Union," he said. "This redefector had worked at the Minsk

radio plant in Minsk, Russia. The redefector was identified as a former Marine, U.S. Marine, and he was returning to the United States with his family."

THE FORMER EMPLOYEE said the report dealt "mainly with intelligence on the Minsk radio plant." He said he had not mentioned seeing the memo to anyone because "I was afraid to," but that now "I plan to testify before the Senate committee on it and make all the information I have available to the committee."

Schorr said CBS has been told by the CIA that the redefector interviewed in 1962 was a former Navy man, not a Marine, who worked in a plant in another Soviet city, not Minsk. However, Schorr said, "The Navy said it has found no record of such a man." He quoted CIA director William Colby as saying that as of today no record of an Oswald contact has been found.